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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In April 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Karol N. Rich** (MA60033481) with unprofessional conduct. Rich allegedly didn't fulfill continuing education requirements.

Cowlitz County

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Angela Marie Sterling** (RN00114710) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a hospital, Sterling allegedly withdrew narcotic medication for a patient, but the patient said she didn't receive it. Sterling allegedly admitted that she diverted narcotics for her own use.

King County

In April 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Xiao Hong Zhao** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Charges say Zhao offered to provide full-body massages despite having no license.

In April 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Amanda Lee Watkins** (CG60524413). In 2005 Watkins was convicted of second-

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degree assault—domestic violence. In 2009 and again in 2011 she was convicted of fourth-degree assault—domestic violence. In 2011 she was convicted of malicious mischief—domestic violence.

In April 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credentials of hypnotherapist and sex offender treatment provider affiliate certificate holder **Evonne Wagner Sears** (HP60154364, AF60133217).

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Nicole Ann Buntin** (RN60405445) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Buntin's Nevada license was placed on probation after she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In April 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified home care aide credential to **Laura Ancilla Charlotte Henderson** (HM60505670) and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. On her application, Henderson said she's undergoing treatment for alcoholism and addiction, and taking medication for depression and social anxiety.

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lyndsey F. Ansara** (NC10078171) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Ansara was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance—heroin, second-degree identity theft, and second-degree theft. She was also charged with first-degree criminal impersonation.

In March 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified home care aide credential to **Arlene Castro Chapman** (HM60428311). In 2014 Chapman's pharmacy technician license was placed on probation in response to a finding that she'd taken money without authorization from the pharmacy where she worked.

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Melissa J. Ott** (NA00161180) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Ott pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance—oxycodone.

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Magdalena Termure** (RN00172366) that restricts her ability to practice for at least 30 months. Termure must complete continuing education in documentation, patient assessment, diabetes care and management, ethics, patient safety, and nurse delegation. She must pay a \$1,000 fine. Termure owned and operated an adult family home that housed a 77-year-old patient whose diagnoses included dementia, diabetes and a fractured hip. Termure didn't follow the patient's discharge summary when creating a care plan, misdiagnosed the patient's broken wrist after a fall, and didn't properly monitor the patient's treatment and condition.

In April 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Michael J. Henry** (PH00020389) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Henry closed the pharmacy he owned without notifying the commission. He allegedly submitted only a hand-written list to account for the transfer of controlled substances from the pharmacy. Charges say a Department of Health investigator didn't find records from the pharmacy where Henry said they were stored.

Pierce County

In April 2015 the Dental Commission placed dentist **Parvin Abedi** (DE00009718) on probation for at least a year. Abedi must complete continuing education in risk management, radiographic imaging and ethics, and pay costs of \$6,000. Abedi took radiographic images of multiple patients without recording diagnoses or rationale, thus exposing patients to risk of harm.

Skagit County

In April 2015 the secretary of health lifted the revocation of the registered counselor credential of **Philip Kent Van Voorst** (RC00009671). The registered counselor profession was abolished in 2010.

In April 2015 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Ross A. Scott** (MA00010569) with unprofessional conduct. Scott allegedly didn't fulfill continuing education requirements.

Snohomish County

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Linda D. Carlson** (RN00084607) with unprofessional conduct. Carlson allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In April 2015 the Massage Program charged licensed massage practitioner **Cynthia M. Eckert** (MA00020484) with unprofessional conduct. Eckert allegedly massaged patients while her license was expired.

Spokane County

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Rachael Ann Bailey** (NA60234120) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Bailey worked for a company that provided in-home care. A month after being terminated, she allegedly took a dementia patient she had cared for to the patient's bank. The patient allegedly gave or loaned Bailey \$200.

In April 2015 the secretary of health denied a registered nurse credential to **Heather Dawn O'Handley** (RN60011453). On her application, O'Handley said she'd never had action taken against a license in another state when, in fact, her Texas license was revoked in 2011.

Thurston County

In April 2015 the Massage Program entered an agreement with massage practitioner **Lisa Anne Wendler** (MA60148210) that places her credential on probation for at least three years. Wendler must pay a \$2,500 fine. She operated a business where medical marijuana authorizations were issued, an activity not covered by a massage practitioner license.

In April 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Brendajean Fern Warner** (RN00117367) with unprofessional conduct. While working at a chemical dependency center, Warner allegedly didn't document administering or disposing of a patient's medication.

In April 2015 the secretary of health withdrew a statement of charges against registered nursing assistant **Aurelia Predescu** (NA00171178).

Whatcom County

In April 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified home care aide credential to **Alexandra Virginia Hendricks-Hockey** (HM60516410) and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. Hendricks-Hockey informed the Department of Health that she's in a long-term recovery program for alcoholism, with evidence of a relapse in the past year.

Yakima County

In April 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Christinajo O. Nunez** (NC10056878) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Nunez sold two rings to a patient at a residential facility where she worked. Nunez allegedly misled the patient about the value of the rings.

In April 2015 the Medical Assistant Program filed an amended statement of charges against certified medical assistant **Sharon Elizabeth Metz** (CM60383589) to remove specific allegations regarding fraudulent prescriptions.

Out of State

Missouri: In April 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Penny Sue Lawson** (RN60050740) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Lawson's Kansas license was revoked after she didn't report a misdemeanor conviction when she submitted a renewal application.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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